BISHOP FORD CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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JOE QUIRKE ELECTED PRESIDENT

John A. Barnes

As the students entered the auditorium, they were greeted by the thumping, rythmic beat of the theme from "STAR WARS," the walls were festooned with the posters and slogans of the candidates for student office and the various auditorium seats were marked by numbers of homerooms. The day before, the candidates had done their last minute electioneering by giving speeches in the cafeteria during the three lunch periods and taking their last opportunity to carry out flesh-pressing. Everything was building towards a climax, but that climax wasn't just a simple election. It was the first political convention in the history of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School.

The idea of the convention was truely a bold and innovative one, something which had never before been attempted by the school, let alone carried off as the rousing success it was. The whole idea was intended to be educational, to teach students about how the American political system really works, but it was also intended to be an enjoyable educational experience as well, and in this area it smashingly succeeded.

Like all political conventions, this one was formally opened by the speaker delivering the keynote address; Bishop Ford's was delivered by Assemblyman Barbaro, who was a longshoreman for many years before entering politics. He has been in the Assembly for five years. His speech underlined the high ideals and freedoms Americans possess which we often take for granted, and the responsibility we have to protect and defend them.

Then came the nominating speeches. One by one, the campaign managers for the candidates, Joe Quirke, Joe Ienuso, Jack Benson, Chris Conroy and Vinny Giacalone, moved to the podium to deliver their rafter-ringing nomination speeches, in the hope that their speeches would be sufficiently convincing to change a few possibly crucial votes. But, as everyone knew, there could be only one victor.

After the nominations were completed, the classes retired to their homerooms to decide who would lead them for the next year. After the balloting had been completed, the classes returned to the auditorium for the tally. One by one the homeroom representatives announced the results of their voting. As tumultuous cheers arose every time one of the candidates names was mentioned and how many votes each had received, one could almost reach out and touch the tension in the air.

Although the voting did not show any particular trend in the early going, as the tally carried on it became clear that the vote was being split between two of the candidates, Joe Quirke, supported mainly by the seniors, and Joe Ienuso, who polled heavy freshman support; the sophomore and junior classes appeared to be equally divided.

When the count ended, the unofficial final tally was:

Quirke	555
Ienuso	537
Benson	126
Conroy	11
Giacalone	8

Joe Quirke was almost 100 votes short of the necessary 655. A runoff between the two top candidates was called for, with the other three candidates asking that their voters throw their support behind Joe Quirke.

The advice was apparently followed. Even before the runoff vote was half counted, Quirke was clearly the winner. When the total of 655 was reached, the balloting was stopped and no final result announced. Even if it had been, it's doubtful it could have been heard over the shouting and cheering of the demonstration being held on the floor or the thundering roar of Rocky's, "GONNA FLY NOW" greeting the new president and his administration.

We stand on the edge of a New Frontier.

Pictured Above: 1. Joseph Quirke addresses entire Student Body; 2. Student Body reacts; 3. Runoff between Quirke and Ienuso makes Quirke President.

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS SIMPLER THIS YEAR

If you're a high school senior applying now for financial aid in the 1978-79 academic year you'll find the process much simpler. You might be one of the millions of students who can use only one form, instead of two or three, to find out if you're eligible for money from different sources--the federal government, colleges, most state governments, and even private funds.

Now the U.S. Office of Education does not require you to fill out a special form for the Basic Education Opportunity Grant, the nation's largest financial aid program; you can use the Financial Aid Form of the College Scholarship Service for the Basic Grant as well as for other kinds of financial aid.

Here's a calendar/check list to keep you on schedule in the financial aid application process:

In September, pick up a free copy of **Meeting College Costs** from the school counselor and start finding out about the financial aid process, money available from different sources, your eligibility for those funds, and application deadlines.

Meeting College Costs, prepared by the College Scholarship Service, has worksheets to help estimate how much you and your parents might be asked to pay toward the cost of college. From that you can figure your eligibility for financial aid.

If you want to take advantage of a particular college's early decision program you should contact that college **now** for any special financial aid application instructions on deadlines, forms or other information the college thinks necessary.

In December, pick up a 1978-79 Financial Aid Form from the school counselor.

By this time, you should have specific information from colleges you're considering. Pay special attention to financial aid application deadlines and the forms they require.

In January--as soon after January 1 as possible--you should send in a Financial Aid Form completed by you and your parents to the College Scholarship Service. If you're applying for a Basic Education Opportunity Grant (and you probably should) you must file the Financial Aid Form **after January 1, 1978** so your parents can supply financial information for the full 1977 calendar year.

About four weeks after you send in the completed Financial Aid Form, the College Scholarship Service will send you an acknowledgement that the form has been processed and sent to the colleges and scholarship agencies you've specified.

Remember, there is financial aid money to help you pay for the college you want but perhaps can't afford on your own. But to get financial aid you have to apply for it in the right way, at the right time.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Mattew Long

Question: How do you feel now that Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School is a coed institution?

Philip Kirton, 205: "It's nice. I like the girls, and the teachers are nice and different from before."

Anthony Davis, 303: "I feel that B. F. has improved because it's coed. The school in general has a more complete and mature atmosphere."

Peter Lacagnina, 305: "I think that the girls might just be what the school needs to bring up its morale and spirit. Also, the boys might learn how to be better men."

Francis Stokes, 309: "I think the girls are a great asset to the Ford Community. There is an apparent change in the school spirit this year, a change for the better. The girls help to bring the Ford Community closer together, more like a family."

John Davis, 303: "I think the girls are the best thing in the world for the school. They make sitting in a classroom much more pleasant, and I believe they raise the morale of the guys, too."

James Worsdale, 309: "I think the girls have increased the school spirit and made the school a much better place in which to learn."

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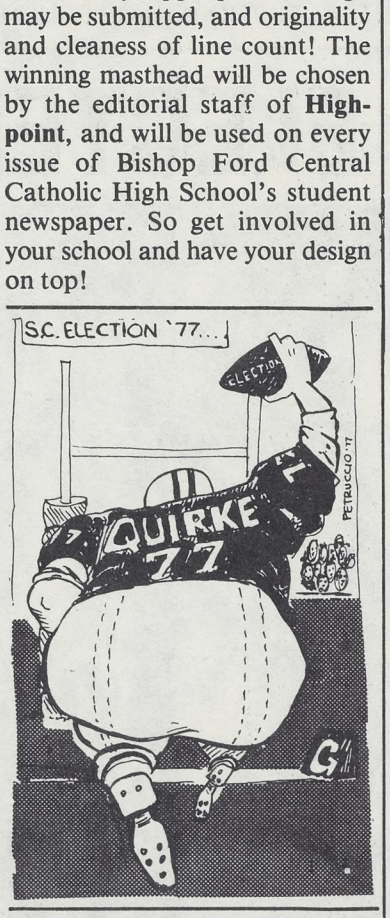
Contest!

Good at drawing? Why not design a new masthead (art work including newspaper's name at very top of first page) for your school's student newspaper, **Highpoint**! Just draw your design in dark blue or black ink on white paper exactly the same size as the masthead of this issue (9¾" X 2½") and submit it to our Editor-in-Chief, John Barnes, or our Moderator, Mr. McKay, on or before Monday, 7 November 1977. Any appropriate design may be submitted, and originality and cleaness of line count! The winning masthead will be chosen by the editorial staff of **Highpoint**, and will be used on every issue of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School's student newspaper. So get involved in your school and have your design on top!



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Stephen DiFede

I'd like to tell you everything that is going on this year at the Ford Theatre, only Brother Michael Russo tells me he won't know until the end of October. So, I'll lay out a report for you about Bishop Ford's first show this year, "Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy." I guess I don't have to tell you that they're Irish, but what difference does that make? None, because they're good! Well, let me tell you exactly what they do. They're a duo who sing songs of Irish and Scottish origin, with catchy lyrics using a variety of traditional instruments in the process such as: flute, tin whistle, guitar and banjo, just to name a few. You may have heard the name "The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem." Well, you're not mistaken: Liam Clancy's brother, Pat, also joins Liam and Tommy Makem on stage in the latter part of the show. I've heard they're a real crowd pleaser, so don't miss them! They'll be appearing at Ford on November 11 at 8:30 P.M. Tickets sell for $5, $7 and $9. For more information call 768-5482. Also, after the show, there will be a small party in the cafeteria, admission $2.

DRESS RIGHT?

Roy Galifi

The new dress code for the students at Bishop Ford has been the subject of a great many discussions this year. There have been many complaints by the boys who attended Bishop Ford prior to the changes in the dress code. The new dress code is too strict and they would like to have the old dress code reinstated.

But under the old dress code some of the guys came in looking pretty bad. Some boys wore old, worn-out jeans and they did not look too good. With the presence of the girls in the school this year, the boys should want to look better.

The boys really shouldn't complain because they still have a choice as to what they will wear every day and they have been adhering to the rules very well so far, but the only group with a legitimate complaint is the girls. They have to wear a uniform every day. If the boys gave some serious thought to the idea of wearing a uniform to school every day, then we doubt that they would complain much about having to get "dressed up" for school.

The girls have been asking why they are not allowed to wear dress clothes to school instead of uniforms, and we think this question should be given immediate attention by the administration. It is unfair to the girls to force them to wear uniforms. If they are allowed to wear navy blue slacks instead of a skirt, why not extend the rule to allow red, black, or brown slacks? The girls should have a dress code similar to that of the boys, one which would allow them to wear dress clothes to school. We're sure that they would follow the rules of a new dress code as well as the boys have followed their new rules.

UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

Joseph Bentivegna

This year Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School experienced the first Student Council Convention ever to be held within the confines of these hallowed walls. We, along with the rest of the students and faculty of the school, were fortunate enough to be a part of the excitment, excitment which started with everyone meeting in the home rooms, to the final moments when Mr. Joe Quirke won the title of Student Council President.

The reason that day turned out to be a success was because there was an unbreakable unity among everyone involved at Ford, a unity which brought everyone together as a family. There was no demerit system that day--there was no need for it. The students didn't get out of hand because they knew this day was for them. They had a system far greater than the demerit system; it is called self-discipline. This self-discipline was best seen when Assemblyman Barbaro stood up and gave a speech about politics in the future. And everyone listened because we were being treated as human beings and it was our future he was talking about.

We feel in the future it should become a tradition here at Ford to hold a Student Council Convention every year. And we hope that other schools will emmulate us and hold conventions so that they can experience the unity we have here at Ford.

SKIRTS AT FORD

Gregory J. Perrin

Throughout the fifteen-year existence of Bishop Ford as an all-male school there were many firsts, and each in its own way was important. I think it is safe to say, however, that in this, the second year of the new school, Bishop Ford has seen its biggest and most important first, the enrollment of girls.

When the doors of Bishop Ford opened this fall and the first female student entered, there were varied thoughts and opinions among the students and faculty as to how things would work out with the new female additions to the student body. Many students wondered why the administration had opened the school to girls. They could see no good reason for this. The actual reason was that in recent years enrollment had been declining and a coed school would attract more students.

But now, almost a month after that day, it is almost impossible to find an opinion that varies from the rest. The general feeling among the students and faculty is positive; most feel that the addition of girls should have come sooner, especially the seniors who must leave in June. Most members of the faculty feel that they have had to adjust their styles of teaching, whereas others commented that they just continued to teach as they had always done.

Aside from those programs and clubs that exclude boys, there have been no special provisions made for the girls. Most of the faculty and administration commented that they felt it was better this way. One member of the administration commented that she was glad to see young men and women working, learning and socializing together. It does give the school a more relaxed atmosphere.

STUDENTS FIND CHRIST

Steve Cronin

Every weekend a group of students from Bishop Ford leaves the city. They return on Sunday feeling a greater sense of awareness of themselves. These students have returned from a Student Retreat Weekend.

The Retreat Weekends are conducted by Mr. Fusco, who has been involved with **Teens Encountering Christ (Highpoint,** November, 1975) and prayer groups for many years. The Retreat Weekends are held at Mount Manresa on Staten Island. Students are transported there either by their parents or by a member of the staff.

The group meets from seven o'clock on Saturday night to three thirty on Sunday afternoon. The outing is geared mainly toward lower classmen, primarily freshmen and sophomores, but Mr. Fusco stresses that anyone is invited to sign up just by going to see him. The cost is about $35., but Mr. Fusco states, "The benefits are about seven-fold the cost."

Mr. Fusco is ably assisted every weekend by faculty members such as Father Bob, Father Jim, Mr. Vitta, Sister Jeanette and Mr. Kiernan. It was Mr. Fusco, assisted by Mr. Walter Hicks, who set up the agenda for the weekends, which includes activities involving group discussion and sharing and the celebration of the Mass.

Mr. Fusco also gives a large share of the credit for the group's success to Brother Alphonsus: "By his thoughtfulness, support and participation, brother has helped our group tremendously."

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

Father Bob

Nobody can enjoy real peace of mind unless he has respect for himself. Self respect is a stranger to a person who does everything just to please his friends. Anyone can be good when it doesn't cost anything. But what about when it hurts a bit, when it costs something?

Being true to our principles, day after day, can be a real challenge. When the whole group is ranking on somebody it's hard to change the subject or to speak up in defense of the person under attack. When everyone else seems to be name-calling and making fun of a person, it's hard not to smile and take part in the "fun." And in your future life there will be many times when it will be hard to say "no!" to the host who insists that you have "just one more" although you have had more than enough to drink already.

Yes, it is hard. It can even be like a martyrdom. But I think that what our country needs today is a million or so pint-sized martyrs who are willing to shed a few drops of nervous sweat to stand up for what they believe.

You might find it helpful to keep this goal before you as you ready yourself for adult life: ALWAYS BE TRUE TO YOURSELF AND YOUR PRINCIPLES. And you can do it without fuss. There is no need to look down your nose at other people or condemn them. A polite, "Sorry, but I'm not into that" is enough. People who have done this have often been surprised to discover how they seem to grow in the eyes of others. They were so afraid that they would lose their friends. But they have found instead that they have gained their friends' respect as well as affection. Now their friends find in them a source of strength.

SCIENCE CLUB

S-U-C-C-E-E-D-S

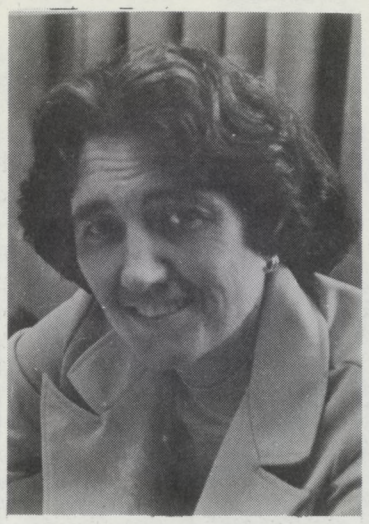
Michael Grecco

With the start of a new school year begins another successful year for the Bishop Ford Science Club. This year the club will consist of four sections: meteorology, chemistry, biology and ecology, and will once again be moderated by Messrs. Vitta and DeFina, both science teachers here at Ford. Mrs. Skalecky, also a science teacher, will assume the position of staff advisor.

The success of the club can only be measured by the many scholarships awarded to past members for their work in a specific field. Last year for example, Frank Panicali, then a senior and a member of the club, received a four-year scholarship to Saint John's University and an all-expense-paid trip to Mexico from the National Energy Foundation for a solar energy project he submitted to them. Along with weekly meetings and projects, the club also plans numerous field trips throughout the year. In the past these included trips to Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Brookhaven National Laboratories on Long Island, Howe Caverns and the New York Museum of Natural History. Messrs. Vitta and DeFina put much effort into the organizing of these trips and the operation of the club itself.

The goal of the Science Club this year, as in former years, is to enhance the members' knowledge of science, whether it be by dissecting a shark or by operating a wind vane, and at the same time, to have fun doing these things. The general format for each section has not been decided, nor has the number of field trips, but one thing is certain, this year's science club will continue to be an enjoyable, educational and worthwhile experience for all involved.

FACULTY FOCUS



Sister Nancy McCloskey, C.S.J.

John Randone

Sister Nancy is a graduate of Saint Francis College and Saint John's University. She received a B.A. in history from Saint Francis College and an M.A. in government and politics from Saint John's University. Sister Nancy taught in Puerto Rico before coming to Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. When asked if being an assistant dean is as fulfilling as teaching social studies, Sister Nancy replied, "It's a completely different role."

Sister Nancy misses teaching social studies, but so far she feels her new job is very interesting.

Sister Nancy is a perennial student of Spanish. She studies for enjoyment. Sister is also interested in international events and enjoys playing the piano-accordion.

This year Sister Nancy is looking forward to the cooperation of the students so that we can make Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School the best school in Brooklyn.

SKIN DEEP

Christine Babick
and
Maria Sallustio

Achieving beautifully clear skin is every girl's dream. Living up to it becomes a hassling reality. Maybe you've tried slopping on muddy glops of paste or other unmentionables, but with no success. Well, that's over with! If you can help it, try to stay away from commercial brands of so-called "skin helpers." "Natural" is the word for cosmetics these days. Why not whip up some of your own inventions? Try this for fresh, shining skin: mash an apple with some honey. Smooth this over your face and leave it on for fifteen minutes. Rinse with warm water. Finish off with a splash of cold water. This should make you feel refreshed, but since winter is arriving, you need extra protection for dryness, i.e., a moisturizer. Those of you with dry skin should make sure you're generous with the moisturizers. "Oily skinners" are urged to cut down on moisturizers. You lucky people with normal skin are free to put on as much as you want. Well, that's it for this number of **Highpoint.**

"FRAT" MUST GO

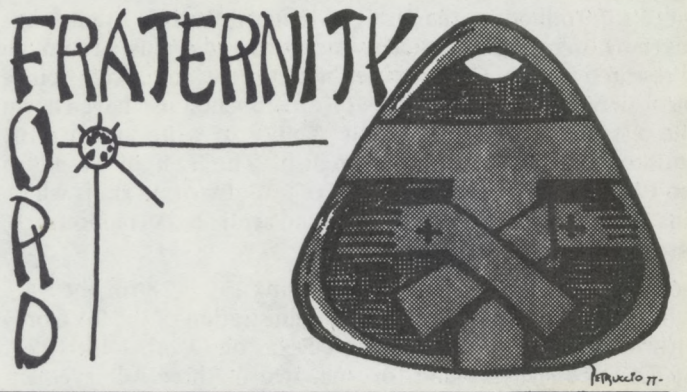
Gregory J. Perrin

The Ford Fraternity of the Third Order of Saint Francis has been a part of the Bishop Ford scene for several years and has become a school tradition. Unfortunately, however, the fraternity does not receive the support or the credit it deserves. Although most students are aware of the existence of the fraternity, they do not understand its purpose and are often frightened off by the fact that its main instigation or theme is religion. The truth is that the fraternity does center around religion, but in a relaxed and enjoyable way. The fraternity is a group of people who are unified by the teaching of Saint Francis; they perform services for themselves as well as for others.

Though it is not known throughout the school by anyone other than its members and Brother Alphonsus, the fraternity is a very highly respected organization by Catholic Charities and other such organizations, and has received in recent years many letters and phone calls in graditude for services performed.

This year, since the school has gone coed, the fraternity will be making some very big changes, the biggest of which has already occured: the addition of many girl members. The only provision which will be made for these and any other girls who join is the changing of the name from "fraternity" to something more for both boys and girls ("fraternity" comes from the Latin word for "brother"). The purpose and function of the fraternity, however, will remain the same: people, students working together as one.

The group is under the direction of Father Columba James Enright, T. O. R. ("Father Jim") of the English department.



MUSIC by Massa

Kevin Massa

Avant Garde?

A new album from Meco ("Star Wars and Other Galactic Funk") is in the making and will be called "Meco and the Time Machine." Unlike the first album, this begins at prehistoric times and works its way to the present. It includes such eras as the Prehistoric Age, ancient Rome, Sherwood Forest, the Wild West, a "speak-easy" (c. 1926), a soda fountain (c. 1953), and present-day New York. When asked if there was any research done, Meco answered no, but that it was "Fun and appropriate to do."

Good-bye $2.99!

Jimmy's Music World, New York's cheapest record store, is failing fast! How? **"Jimmy's,"** which opened in May, 1975, tried to corner the record market by selling discs nearly below their wholesale cost. Before the great money loss was uncontrollable, **Jimmy's** forced other record retailers to lower their prices, reducing their profit.

But things will be changing. As of now **Jimmy's** assets (thirty-eight stores) total $5,087,496., but his debts are estimated at $10,906,917.57! His employee staff has been reduced from 495 to 120 workers.

Korvette's, which matched **Jimmy's Music World's** prices, expects to hold on to them for a few more weeks. Now the rival stores will again begin to profit, but **Jimmy's Music World** is bankrupt.

Upcoming Concerts:

Ted Nugent and Lynard Skynard — Madison Square Garden	November 10
Rush and Cheap Trick — The Palladium	November 12
Hot Tuna — The Capitol	November 18
Jethro Tull — Madison Square Garden	November 29, 30
George Benson — The New Rockland Fieldhouse	December 3
Kiss — Madison Square Garden	December 14-16

The Music Hotline is (212) 936-4545

COLLEGE BOARD PUTS NEW STRESS ON WRITING SKILLS

This year the College Board's Admissions Testing Program, which includes the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) used by over a million college-bound students each year, will offer two measures of writing abilities as part of its regular examinations.

First, the College Board will add a new 20-minute centrally-graded essay section to the present all-objective English Composition Achievement Test. The test will remain one hour in length, combining multiple-choice questions with the essay. The essay will be offered once this academic year in December, 1977, and scores will be reported on the same 200-800 scale as other achievement tests.

Second, the multiple-choice Test of Standard Written English, which has been experimentally available since 1975, will become a permanent adjunct to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in all test administrations this year.

About 1.4 million high school students take the SAT each year, and about 300,000 take one or more of the 15 subject-matter achievement tests for college admissions and placement.

The 20-minute essay section of the English Composition Test will be combined with 40 minutes of objective questions. The essay will be graded centrally once a year by school and college teachers at a special reading conducted by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. Grading procedures, carefully developed during more than 20 years experience with the College Board's Advanced Placement Program, will be used to evaluate the new writing exercise.

Prior to the test administration, the College Board, in cooperation with ETS, will send English teachers in both schools and colleges a booklet illustrating essays at different levels of quality, and explain how central readers' standards would be applied in grading those writing samples.

Since its introduction, the Test of Standard Written English has been taken by over a million students each year and evaluated through special research studies. Colleges use the test scores in making course placement decisions. The first years of experimental use have shown that the test does relate to students' ability to write and use the conventions of standard written English. The Test of Standard Written English is a 30-minute objective test of writing skills which contains 50 questions of English usage and sentence correction.

ATP Schedules and Test Fees

There will be six regular test dates during 1977-78 for the SAT and Achievement Tests, and a special administration of the SAT only in California, Florida, New York and Texas on October 15, 1977.

The SAT fee is $7.25 and for one, two or three Achievement Tests taken on the same day, the fee is $12.50.

1977-78 SAT/ACH REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES

U.S. AND PUERTO RICO ONLY

TEST DATES	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
October 15	September 23	September 23
November 5	September 30	October 14
December 3	October 28	November 11
January 28	December 23	January 6
March 11	February 3	February 17
May 6	March 31	April 14
June 3	April 28	May 12

TABLE TENNIS: HOT RETURN

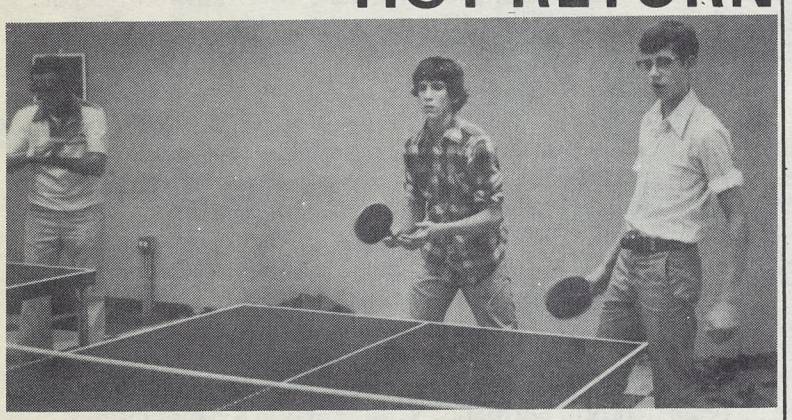


Table Tennis: Style and Strength

Joseph Catalano

The table tennis team returns to action this fall with hopes of winning the New York City high school title. The team has several members from last year's squad which finished in second place in the city standings. Notable returnees from last year's contingent are: Captain Paul Wepy, Fayez Genadry, Eddy Dunne, Anthony Gaudino, Ricky Fasano, Brian Kerr, Wayne Siringo and John Charles. Wepy was the finest high school player in New York City last season and many still recall his thrilling victory during the city championships over the previously undefeated and three-time city champ, Man Chung of F.D.R.

Practice sessions will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the old music room, which is located beneath the auditorium. All interested students and faculty are welcome to participate.

SPOTLITE: Steve Cronin

Steve Cronin

John A. Barnes

The spotlight column is devoted to seniors who have distinguished themselves in our basketball or track and field programs. When someone outstanding comes along, we feel that he should be praised. Such an athlete is Steve Cronin.

Steven is a member of our varsity swimming team and is a senior here at Ford. He hails from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, where he also attended grammer school. "I swam for two years in grammer school," he says, "But it wasn't until I reached high school that I began getting serious about it."

Steve has been swimming from very early on and has been steadily improving himself over the years. He swims freestyle as well as the difficult butterfly stroke.

Led by their coach of last year, Mr. McQuade, the team splashed its way to second place in the Divisional Championships and 5th place in the overall standings behind a strong Molloy team. In his personal competition Steven has won 16 out of 18 races in high school competition.

Steve's times were so good that he qualified for the YMCA National Championships to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dance!!!

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First dance sponsored by the Student Council $3.00 couple— **ALPHA & OMEGA**— single $2.00 Saturday, 29 October 1977, 7:30 P.M.

NO TICKETS AT DOOR

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The intramural program at Ford attempts to involve all the members of the student body in various athletic activities. The main purpose of our intramural program is fun through participation in organized sports. This year Messrs. Habib and Ferranti are the directors of the program. With their assistance four new activities have been added:tennis, swimming, paddle ball, and weightlifting. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the following activities: bowling, football, basketball (five man, three man and one-on-one), hockey, table tennis, chess, and volleyball. Trophies and medals are awarded semi-annually to students who excel in competition. Awards are given to all members of first and second place teams. "We have one of the best intramural programs of any high school," says Mr. Habib, "and this year our goal is to involve as many students as possible in an effort to achieve our full potential and run the best program we have ever had." "Our program," suggests Mr. Ferranti, "gives the average student a chance to experiment with other sports which he or she otherwise wouldn't be able to get into."

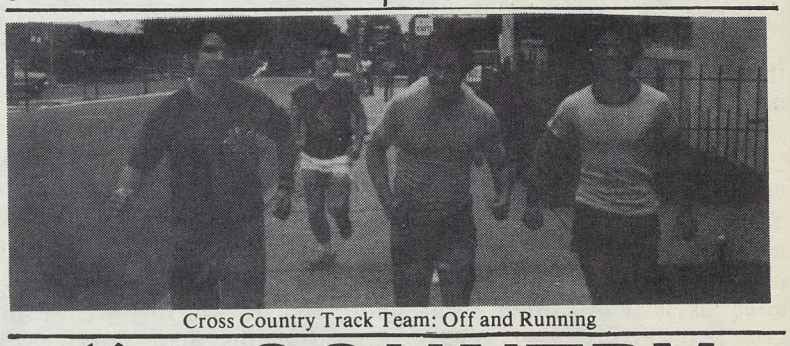
NEW SWIM COACH

Steve Cronin

If you happen to stroll into Prospect Park YMCA pool at 7 A.M. you will see the Bishop Ford swimming team hard at work. You probably wouldn't recognize the man walking up the deck putting the swimmers through their paces. This man is Gerry Gillia. You wouldn't recognize Mr. Gillia because he doesn't teach at Ford, he is a teacher at the Summit School for Special Education. He is a graduate of Regis High School and Saint Francis College.

Mr. Gillia, although not well known at Ford, is a major figure in New York swimming circles. Besides his duties at Ford, he is also coach of the Prospect Park YMCA Swimming Team and he holds the head coach position at Brooklyn College. He has coached many state champions and his swimmers have accounted for two state records. Because of his marvelous record, Mr. Gillia was chosen coach of the New York City contingent at the United States Youth Games. He has also been chosen New York City coach for the Empire State Games in August.

All this honor doesn't come easy. Mr. Gillia leaves his home at 6 A.M. and coaches three swimming teams each day.



Cross Country Track Team: Off and Running

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Ford's cross country track season opened September 10, 1977, one day after school started. That means that the boys and girls that make up the teams have to start training during their summer vacations to insure a good showing. The track season doesn't end with cross country, in fact it's less than one third of the season. Cross country ends November 25 and a new season begins. The indoor track season begins December 1 and ends in March just before the outdoor season.

Mr. Fernandez's varsity and j.v. consist of sophomores Bobby Powers and Joe Castano; juniors dominate, having four men: Victor Vientos, Jorge Hernandez, Bill Mackay and Robert Campolo. The only senior on the team is Steve Arce. Mr. Fernandez's junior varsity consists of many names lead by Tommy Anacito, Pat Dougan and Seamus Sullivan. Mr. Gramatico's freshman track team consists of many outstanding runners. There are too many names to mention. The new young ladies of the track team are led by two freshman, Regina Corrigan and Tina De Pasquale.

Some of the very important meets occur later this year. They are: St. Anthony's, Manhattan College, Maris College, Brooklyn Champs Sectional Champs, and City Champs. These are just a few meets in the combination of the three seasons.

Almost every Saturday the track team has a meet, so there are too many to mention. Mr. Gramatico of Bishop Ford's own Math Department and Mr. Fernandez of Ford's own Language Department are the coaches of the track teams. Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Gramatico contribute greatly to Bishop Ford's Track Teams. Mr. Fernandez coaches varsity and junior varsity while Mr. Gramatico coaches the freshman.

Mr. Fernandez commented on this year's team: "This year we have a good team but next year we will have an even better one since the team is so young."

Track is a growing sport here at Bishop Ford. All you need is your feet!